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Governor Jan Brewer Signs Bill For Disabled and Foster Children

PHOENIX – During a bill signing ceremony at the State Capitol, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today signed HB2001 into law. HB 2001 will allow parents of disabled and foster children to continue to choose and utilize the school that best serves the needs of their children.

"I am so honored and proud to sign into law this important legislation," Governor Brewer stated. "These foster parents and parents of disabled students selected an educational environment that is best suited for their children, and this bill will allow them to continue on the educational path that they have chosen."

House Bill 2001 was drafted during a Special Session called last week by Governor Brewer in an effort to assist the parents and children impacted by the Arizona Supreme Court's decision in *Cain v. Horne*. The Court's decision ended a school scholarship program for nearly 500 disabled children and the children of foster families. HB 2001 creates a legal mechanism to allow their educational choices to continue and does not add additional costs to the state budget.

Additional information regarding HB 2001, including legislative bill summaries and legislative votes cast, can be found at www.azleg.gov.

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